FISCAL NOTE

SB 1563 - HB 1612

May 13, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides if the defendant gives notice that the defendant intends to offer expert opinion testimony as to the defendant's mental condition, the state may petition the court for an evaluation of the defendant by an expert selected by the prosecution. The bill also provides that the court shall order the evaluation to be conducted under the guidelines and provisions regarding the compensation for services to indigent defendants.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceed \$100,000/Indigent Defense Fund

Assumes a minimum of 30 additional mental health evaluations per year by experts selected by the prosecution.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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